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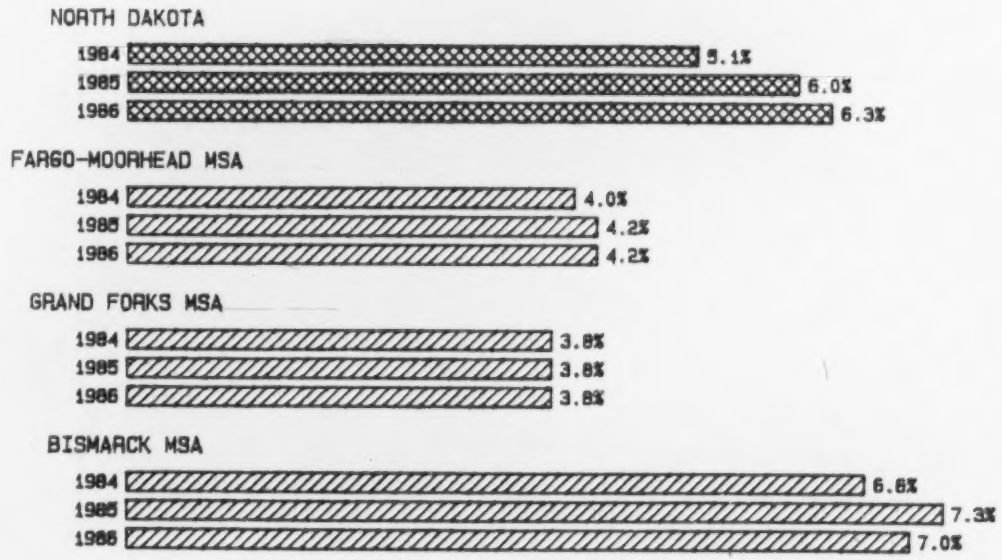

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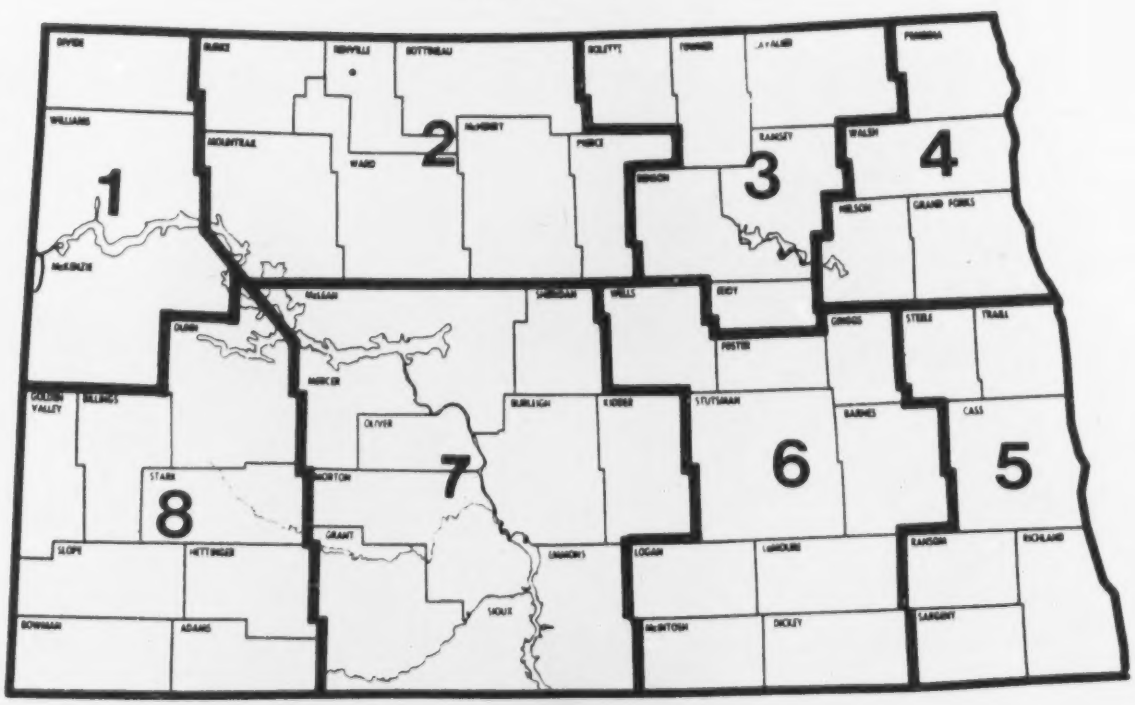

STATE PLANNING REGIONS

Labor force, employment, and hours and earnings estimates are compiled in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

A RECAP OF 1986

Each year, estimates of the labor force together with employment and unemployment are revised or updated based on additional information. The revisions usually affect the prior two years. In the just-completed revision, 1985 and 1986 were updated based on new information.

NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota did not experience a good year as the labor force dropped from 334,000 in 1985 to 331,000 in 1986, while employment dropped by 4,000 and unemployment rose by 1,000 to 21,000. These changes caused the unemployment rate to edge up from 6.0% in 1985 to 6.3% in 1986. In the nonag wage and salary sector, employment dropped 2,640 (-1.0%). All industries, except services and government, registered declines. Mining had the largest decline, 2,180, representing a loss of nearly 1 out of every 3 jobs in the industry. Most of the drop occurred in crude petroleum exploration and mining. The services industry added 1,210 workers, while government increased by 630 with nearly all of the gains in the federal and local sectors.

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

The labor force in the Fargo-Moorhead MSA, which averaged 81,580 in 1986, increased by 1,480 over 1985, with total employment increasing by 1,450. Unemployment rose by 30 to 3,420, but the rate remained unchanged at 4.2%. Nonag wage and salary employment increased by 1,370 to reach 67,920. Although the increase is not large, it is trending upward which is opposite of the statewide experience. The continued growth in retail trade (+880) and services (+460) supports the concept that Fargo-Moorhead is a major trade and service center, drawing from a wide area. All industries recorded growth except wholesale trade which dropped by 190. Employment remained stable in manufacturing, while the remaining industry divisions had gains ranging from 20 in the combined industry of mining and construction to 130 in transportation, communications and utilities.

GRAND FORKS MSA

The Grand Forks MSA, like Fargo-Moorhead, recorded a minor growth. The labor force increased by 510 to reach 34,510 for 1986. Unemployment rose slightly (+30) and averaged 1,310 for the year. With both employment and unemployment recording modest gains, the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 3.8%. Minor gains were spread throughout the nonfarm wage and salary sector with two exceptions: the combined industry of transportation, communications and utilities remained stable and retail trade employment dropped 80. Mining and construction recorded a gain of 110, while manufacturing (+120), services (+150), and government +(200) posted slightly stronger growth figures.

BISMARCK MSA

The Bismarck MSA stands out in contrast to the two MSA's on the eastern border of the state. The entire western portion of the state is affected by the downturn in the oil industry. The labor force dropped by 510 to reach 44,180 while employment fell by 350. Unemployment also fell slightly (-160) which caused the unemployment rate to drop from 7.3% in 1985 to 7.0% in 1986. This is slightly above the statewide average of 6.3%, but nearly double the rate in the other MSA's. Nonfarm wage and salary employment rose from 35,910 to 35,950. There were changes at the major industry levels with services (-260), retail trade (+210) and government (+60) showing growth. However, the remaining industries all recorded declines with the largest drops occurring in transportation, communications and utilities (-170) and wholesale trade (-140).

Since 1981, nonfarm wage and salary employment has varied by only 3,500, hovering near 250,000. Although 1986 was at the low end of the range, 1987 may be a better year. The increase in the price of crude oil and a decline in interest rates, which will encourage investment in homes, business, etc., should benefit the North Dakota economy.

If you are interested in obtaining the revised data for 1985 and 1986, contact the Research and Statistics section at the address listed on the back page.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Rounded to Hundreds)

Industry	Current Month Mar. 1987	Previous Month Feb. 1987	One Year Ago Mar. 1986	Percent Change From One Month Ago Feb. 1987	Percent Change From One Year Ago Mar. 1986
TOTAL	244,500	243,800	244,000	0.3%	0.2%
MINING	3,700	3,700	5,100	0.0%	-27.5%
Coal	1,100	1,100	1,200	0.0%	-8.3%
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	2,400	2,400	3,700	0.0%	-35.1%
Other Mining	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	7,500	7,600	7,700	-1.3%	-2.6%
Building Construction	2,000	2,200	2,200	-9.1%	-9.1%
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,400	1,300	1,600	7.7%	-12.5%
Special Trade Construction	4,100	4,100	3,900	0.0%	5.1%
MANUFACTURING	15,200	15,200	14,800	0.0%	2.7%
Durable Goods	6,100	6,000	5,900	1.7%	3.4%
Stone, Clay, & Glass	500	500	400	0.0%	25.0%
Primary & Fabricated Metals	700	600	600	16.7%	16.7%
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,700	3,700	3,800	0.0%	-2.6%
Other Durable Goods	1,200	1,200	1,100	0.0%	9.1%
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,200	8,900	-1.1%	2.2%
Food & Kindred Products	4,700	4,800	4,400	-2.1%	6.8%
Dairy Products	700	700	800	0.0%	-12.5%
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,900	2,000	1,600	-5.0%	18.8%
Bakery Products	400	400	400	0.0%	0.0%
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,700	1,700	1,600	0.0%	6.3%
Printing & Publishing	2,300	2,300	2,400	0.0%	-4.2%
Other Nondurable Goods	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
TRANS., COMM., & UTILITIES	15,300	15,400	15,700	-0.6%	-2.5%
Transportation	7,400	7,500	7,500	-1.3%	-1.3%
Trucking & Warehousing	4,200	4,300	4,100	-2.3%	2.4%
Other Transportation	3,200	3,200	3,400	0.0%	-5.9%
Communications	3,200	3,200	3,300	0.0%	-3.0%
Public Utilities	4,700	4,700	4,900	0.0%	-4.1%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
NORTH DAKOTA
(Continued)

Industry	Current Month Mar. 1987	Previous Month Feb. 1987	One Year Ago Mar. 1986	Percent Change From One Month Ago Feb. 1987	Percent Change From One Year Ago Mar. 1986
WHOLESALE TRADE	18,800	18,800	19,100	0.0%	-1.6%
Durable Goods	8,600	8,700	9,000	-1.1%	-4.4%
Nondurable Goods	10,200	10,100	10,100	1.0%	1.0%
RETAIL TRADE	46,400	45,900	46,100	1.1%	0.7%
General Merchandise	6,000	6,000	5,800	0.0%	3.4%
Food Stores	6,700	6,700	6,500	0.0%	3.1%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,500	6,500	6,500	0.0%	0.0%
Apparel & Accessory Stores	2,500	2,500	2,600	0.0%	-3.8%
Other Retail	24,700	24,200	24,700	2.1%	0.0%
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REA. ESTATE	12,500	12,400	12,300	0.8%	1.6%
Finance	6,900	6,800	6,800	1.5%	1.5%
Banking	4,200	4,100	4,200	2.4%	0.0%
Other Finance	2,700	2,700	2,600	0.0%	3.8%
Insurance	3,800	3,800	3,800	0.0%	0.0%
Real Estate	1,800	1,800	1,700	0.0%	5.9%
SERVICES	59,500	59,200	58,500	0.5%	1.7%
Lodging	4,000	4,000	4,100	0.0%	-2.4%
Health Services	25,600	25,500	25,000	0.4%	2.4%
Nursing Care & Hospitals	18,900	18,900	18,600	0.0%	1.6%
Other Medical Services	6,700	6,600	6,400	1.5%	4.7%
Other Services	29,900	29,700	29,400	0.7%	1.7%
GOVERNMENT	65,600	65,600	64,700	0.0%	1.4%
Federal	9,900	10,000	9,600	-1.0%	3.1%
State Government	20,500	20,300	19,700	1.0%	4.1%
Educational Services	13,500	13,300	13,000	1.5%	3.8%
Other State Government	7,000	7,000	6,700	0.0%	4.5%
Local Government	35,200	35,300	35,400	-0.3%	-0.6%
Educational Services	17,800	17,800	18,200	0.0%	-2.2%
Other Local Government	17,400	17,500	17,200	-0.6%	1.2%

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
(Rounded to Hundreds)

Industry	Current Month Mar. 1987	Previous Month Feb. 1987	One Year Ago Mar. 1986	Percent Change From One Month Ago Feb. 1987	Percent Change From One Year Ago Mar. 1986
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL	68,700	68,800	66,600	-0.1%	3.2%
Mining & Construction	2,500	2,400	2,500	4.2%	0.0%
Manufacturing	4,600	4,800	4,500	-4.2%	2.2%
Durable Goods	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	2,800	3,000	2,700	-6.7%	3.7%
Trans., Comm. & Utilities	4,100	4,200	3,900	-2.4%	5.1%
Trade	20,300	20,100	19,700	1.0%	3.0%
Wholesale Trade	6,300	6,200	6,300	1.6%	0.0%
Retail Trade	14,000	13,900	13,400	0.7%	4.5%
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,400	4,300	4,200	2.3%	4.8%
Services	18,700	18,800	18,200	-0.5%	2.7%
Government	14,100	14,200	13,600	-0.7%	3.7%
Federal	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0%	0.0%
State & Local	12,000	12,100	11,500	-0.8%	4.3%
GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL	28,900	28,600	28,100	1.0%	2.8%
Mining & Construction	1,100	1,100	1,000	0.0%	10.0%
Manufacturing	1,700	1,600	1,500	6.3%	13.3%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Trade	7,900	7,900	7,800	0.0%	1.3%
Wholesale Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	6,500	6,500	6,400	0.0%	1.6%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
Services	6,300	6,300	6,000	0.0%	5.0%
Government	9,400	9,200	9,300	2.2%	1.1%
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL	35,700	35,600	35,000	0.3%	2.0%
Mining	200	200	200	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	0.0%
Manufacturing	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	2,600	2,600	2,700	0.0%	-3.7%
Trade	9,500	9,400	9,400	1.1%	1.1%
Wholesale	2,100	2,100	2,300	0.0%	-8.7%
Retail	7,400	7,300	7,100	1.4%	4.2%
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0%	0.0%
Services	10,300	10,300	10,100	0.0%	2.0%
Government	8,600	8,600	8,100	0.0%	6.2%

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1986	Current Month Mar. 1987	Previous Month Feb. 1987	One Year Ago Mar. 1986	Percent Change From Feb. 1987	Percent Change From Mar. 1986
All Items	328.4	335.9	334.4	326.0	0.4	3.0
Food & Beverage	311.8	321.6	321.6	307.8	0.0	4.5
Housing	360.2	366.4	365.1	357.0	0.4	2.6
Apparel & Upkeep	207.8	215.2	208.4	206.3	3.3	4.3
Transportation	307.5	310.6	310.0	309.6	0.2	0.3
Medical Care	433.5	455.0	452.4	425.8	0.6	6.9
Entertainment	274.1	279.8	278.7	271.9	0.4	2.9

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
UNITED STATES AVERAGE

(1967=100)

	Annual Average 1986	Current Month Mar. 1987	Previous Month Feb. 1987	One Year Ago Mar. 1986	Percent Change From Feb. 1987	Percent Change From Mar. 1986
All Commodities	299.8	302.8	302.7	300.3	0.0	0.8
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	252.0	251.9	251.9	247.0	0.0	2.0
Industrial Commodities	312.1	315.8	315.7	314.0	0.0	0.6

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
UNITED STATES									
Manufacturing	402.87	401.47	395.60	40.9	40.8	40.7	9.85	9.84	9.72
Durable Goods	432.22	430.15	426.42	41.6	41.4	41.4	10.39	10.39	10.30
Nondurable Goods	363.60	361.49	352.54	40.0	39.9	39.7	9.09	9.06	8.88
NORTH DAKOTA									
Manufacturing	324.69	323.02	305.05	38.7	38.5	37.8	8.39	8.39	8.07
Durable Goods	354.09	343.20	329.16	40.7	39.0	39.0	8.70	8.80	8.44
Nondurable Goods	305.93	310.57	289.34	37.4	38.2	37.0	8.18	8.13	7.82
Food & Kindred	303.72	308.89	298.88	38.3	39.1	37.5	7.93	7.90	7.97
Printing & Publishing	252.30	258.26	274.06	30.0	30.6	32.9	8.41	8.44	8.33
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA									
Manufacturing	301.39	302.63	311.54	36.4	36.2	37.4	8.28	8.36	8.33
Durable Goods	306.27	301.79	309.58	36.9	35.8	37.8	8.30	8.43	8.19
Nondurable Goods	298.55	303.68	312.85	36.1	36.5	37.2	8.27	8.32	8.41

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
Divide	1,449	1,351	1,474	1,381	1,278	1,372	68	73	102	4.7	5.4	6.9
McKenzie	2,795	2,692	3,444	2,554	2,441	3,117	241	251	327	8.6	9.3	9.5
Williams	11,677	11,746	13,458	10,354	10,308	11,796	1,323	1,438	1,662	11.3	12.2	12.3
REGION 1 TOTAL	15,921	15,789	18,376	14,289	14,027	16,285	1,632	1,762	2,091	10.3	11.2	11.4
Bottineau	3,607	3,406	3,647	3,333	3,172	3,288	274	234	359	7.6	6.9	9.8
Burke	1,424	1,310	1,497	1,280	1,196	1,339	144	114	158	10.1	8.7	10.6
McHenry	2,920	2,643	3,033	2,439	2,212	2,373	481	431	660	16.5	16.3	21.8
Mountrail	3,491	3,304	3,395	3,184	2,993	3,024	307	311	371	8.8	9.4	10.9
Pierce	2,618	2,442	2,566	2,474	2,312	2,364	144	130	202	5.5	5.3	7.9
Renville	1,337	1,256	1,410	1,222	1,159	1,265	115	97	145	8.6	7.7	10.3
Ward	25,060	24,446	24,747	23,468	22,813	22,636	1,592	1,633	2,111	6.4	6.7	8.5
REGION 2 TOTAL	40,457	38,807	40,295	37,400	35,857	36,289	3,057	2,950	4,006	7.6	7.6	9.9
Benson	3,398	3,202	3,208	3,014	2,863	2,913	384	339	295	11.3	10.6	9.2
Cavalier	2,791	2,587	2,637	2,548	2,365	2,436	243	222	201	8.7	8.6	7.6
Eddy	1,611	1,466	1,572	1,378	1,283	1,341	233	183	231	14.5	12.5	14.7
Ramsey	6,570	6,348	6,366	6,128	5,921	5,899	442	427	467	6.7	6.7	7.3
Rolette	4,967	4,838	5,047	4,294	4,172	4,328	673	666	719	13.5	13.8	14.2
Towner	1,722	1,610	1,725	1,634	1,518	1,600	88	92	125	5.1	5.7	7.2
REGION 3 TOTAL	21,059	20,051	20,555	18,996	18,122	18,517	2,063	1,929	2,038	9.8	9.6	9.9
Grand Forks	35,283	34,467	34,071	34,036	33,184	32,419	1,247	1,283	1,652	3.5	3.7	4.8
Nelson	2,101	1,923	2,104	1,902	1,754	1,848	199	169	256	9.5	8.8	12.2
Pembina	5,020	4,961	5,266	4,448	4,418	4,595	572	543	671	11.4	10.9	12.7
Walsh	8,115	7,683	7,800	7,700	7,274	7,222	415	409	578	5.1	5.3	7.4
REGION 4 TOTAL	50,519	49,034	49,241	48,086	46,630	46,084	2,433	2,404	3,157	4.8	4.9	6.4
Cass	57,270	56,525	55,077	55,380	54,675	52,532	1,890	1,850	2,545	3.3	3.3	4.6
Ransom	2,697	2,500	2,611	2,582	2,418	2,505	115	82	106	4.3	3.3	4.1
Richland	8,909	8,415	8,320	8,451	8,048	7,808	458	367	512	5.1	4.4	6.2
Sargent	2,551	2,356	2,451	2,428	2,238	2,291	123	118	160	4.8	5.0	6.5
Steele	1,181	1,043	1,196	1,096	972	1,094	85	71	102	7.2	6.8	8.5
Traill	4,347	4,252	4,488	4,192	4,139	4,185	155	113	303	3.6	2.7	6.8
REGION 5 TOTAL	76,955	75,091	74,143	74,129	72,490	70,415	2,826	2,601	3,728	3.7	3.5	5.0

LABOR FORCE, BY COUNTY, BY REGION

County	Labor Force			Employment			Unemployment			Rate		
	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1986
Barnes	6,599	6,039	6,129	6,214	5,684	5,672	385	355	457	5.8	5.9	7.5
Dickey	3,302	3,044	3,226	3,128	2,886	3,049	174	158	177	5.3	5.2	5.5
Foster	2,199	2,057	2,162	2,050	1,929	1,985	149	128	177	6.8	6.2	8.2
Griggs	1,518	1,386	1,525	1,462	1,328	1,405	56	58	120	3.7	4.2	7.9
La Moure	2,512	2,253	2,431	2,378	2,149	2,271	134	104	160	5.3	4.6	6.6
Logan	1,455	1,332	1,472	1,373	1,246	1,348	82	86	124	5.6	6.5	8.4
McIntosh	2,204	2,025	2,212	2,125	1,954	2,106	79	71	106	3.6	3.5	4.8
Stutsman	12,145	11,657	12,083	11,427	10,964	11,183	718	693	900	5.9	5.9	7.4
Wells	2,958	2,756	2,944	2,720	2,529	2,648	238	227	296	8.0	8.2	10.1
REGION 6 TOTAL	34,892	32,549	34,184	32,877	30,669	31,667	2,015	1,880	2,517	5.8	5.8	7.4
Burleigh	31,433	31,019	31,584	29,953	29,199	28,999	1,480	1,826	2,585	4.7	5.9	8.2
Emmons	2,252	2,030	2,227	2,076	1,878	2,017	176	152	210	7.8	7.5	9.4
Grant	1,870	1,621	1,917	1,770	1,533	1,756	100	88	161	5.3	5.4	8.4
Kidder	1,651	1,455	1,622	1,427	1,273	1,397	224	182	225	13.6	12.5	13.9
McLean	4,390	4,211	4,714	4,032	3,851	4,113	358	360	601	8.2	8.5	12.7
Mercer	5,096	4,931	5,871	4,666	4,482	5,074	430	449	797	8.4	9.1	13.6
Morton	11,835	11,803	12,063	11,150	10,868	10,796	685	935	1,267	5.8	7.9	10.5
Oliver	945	859	1,083	861	775	967	84	84	116	8.9	9.8	10.7
Sheridan	1,211	1,003	1,188	1,092	919	1,069	119	84	119	9.8	8.4	10.0
Sioux	1,373	1,266	1,278	1,254	1,166	1,189	119	100	89	8.7	7.9	7.0
REGION 7 TOTAL	62,056	60,198	63,547	58,281	55,938	57,377	3,775	4,260	6,170	6.1	7.1	9.7
Adams	1,833	1,697	1,747	1,767	1,636	1,676	66	61	71	3.6	3.6	4.1
Billings	580	516	673	524	470	637	56	46	36	9.7	8.9	5.3
Bowman	2,154	2,050	2,196	2,039	1,919	2,045	115	131	151	5.3	6.4	6.9
Dunn	1,784	1,607	1,935	1,586	1,420	1,678	198	187	257	11.1	11.6	13.3
Golden Valley	1,038	991	1,063	998	943	957	40	48	106	3.9	4.8	10.0
Hettinger	1,933	1,712	1,943	1,767	1,580	1,768	166	132	175	8.6	7.7	9.0
Slope	524	453	507	482	423	440	42	30	67	8.0	6.6	13.2
Stark	11,686	11,453	12,266	10,672	10,370	10,846	1,014	1,083	1,420	8.7	9.5	11.6
REGION 8 TOTAL	21,532	20,479	22,330	19,835	18,761	20,047	1,697	1,718	2,283	7.9	8.4	10.2
STATE TOTAL	323,391	311,998	322,680	303,893	292,494	296,683	19,498	19,504	25,997	6.0	6.3	8.1

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	Current Month Mar. 1987	Previous Month Feb. 1987	One Year Ago Mar. 1986	Percent Change From Feb. 1987	Percent Change From Mar. 1986
UNITED STATES (In Thousands)					
Labor Force	120,958	121,089	118,900	-0.1	1.7
Employment	113,104	113,122	110,481	0.0	2.4
Unemployment	7,854	7,967	8,419	-1.4	-6.7
Unemployment Rate	6.5%	6.6%	7.1%	XX	XX
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	323,390	311,990	322,680	3.7	0.2
Employment	303,890	292,490	296,680	3.9	2.4
Unemployment	19,500	19,500	26,000	0.0	-25.0
Unemployment Rate	6.0%	6.3%	8.1%	XX	XX
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	83,140	81,980	80,030	1.4	3.9
Employment	79,600	78,530	75,680	1.4	5.2
Unemployment	3,540	3,450	4,350	2.6	-18.6
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	4.2%	5.4%	XX	XX
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,290	34,460	34,070	2.4	3.6
Employment	34,040	33,180	32,420	2.6	5.0
Unemployment	1,250	1,280	1,650	-2.3	-24.2
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.7%	4.8%	XX	XX
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	43,270	42,820	43,650	1.1	-0.9
Employment	41,100	40,060	39,800	2.6	3.3
Unemployment	2,170	2,760	3,850	-21.4	-43.6
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	6.4%	8.8%	XX	XX

U.S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Cass and Clay Counties; the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks County; and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS
FEBRUARY 1987
(In Thousands)

	NORTH DAKOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	312.0	333.7	2,194.7	401.8
Employment	292.5	318.1	2,053.5	363.0
Unemployment	19.5	15.6	141.2	38.8
Unemployment Rate	6.3	4.7	6.4	9.7

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ANNUAL AVERAGES
NORTH DAKOTA
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

TOTAL	248,870
MINING	4,700
Coal	1,210
Crude Petroleum & Natural Gas	3,120
Other Mining	370
CONSTRUCTION	10,770
Building Construction	3,010
Street, Hwy., & Hwy. Constr.	2,820
Special Trade Construction	4,940
MANUFACTURING	15,370
Durable Goods	6,200
Stone, Clay, & Glass	720
Primary & Fabricated Metals	650
Machinery & Trans. Equipment	3,700
Other Durable Goods	1,130
Nondurable Goods	9,170
Food & Kindred Products	4,570
Dairy Products	800
Food Specialties & Confectionery Products	1,720
Bakery Products	350
Other Food & Kindred Products	1,700
Printing & Publishing	2,430
Other Nondurable Goods	2,170
TRANS., COMM., & UTILITIES	15,860
Transportation	7,720
Trucking & Warehousing	4,340
Other Transportation	3,380
Communications	3,290
Public Utilities	4,850
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,390
Durable Goods	9,070
Nondurable Goods	10,320
RETAIL TRADE	47,440
General Merchandise	6,100
Food Stores	6,620
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	6,640
Apparel and Accessory Stores	2,620
Other Retail	25,460
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	12,430
Finance	6,820
Banking	4,200
Other Finance	2,620
Insurance	3,770
Real Estate	1,840
SERVICES	59,170
Lodging	4,190
Health Services	25,230
Nursing, Personal Care & Hospitals	18,700
Other Health	6,530
Other Services	29,750
GOVERNMENT	63,740
Federal	9,780
State Government	19,030
Educational Service	12,050
Other State Government	6,980
Local Government	34,930
Educational Service	16,810
Other Local Government	18,120

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LABOR FORCE

	NORTH DAKOTA	FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	GRAND FORKS MSA	BISMARCK MSA
Labor Force	331,000	81,480	34,520	44,180
Employment	310,000	78,060	33,210	41,080
Unemployment	21,000	3,420	1,310	3,100
Unemployment Rate	6.3	4.2	3.8	7.0

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ANNUAL AVERAGES
EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA	GRAND FORKS MSA	BISMARCK MSA
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment	67,920	28,560	35,950
Mining and Construction	3,270	1,540	-0-
Mining	-0-	-0-	190
Construction	-0-	-0-	1,540
Manufacturing	4,770	1,490	1,910
Durable Goods	1,910	-0-	-0-
Nondurable Goods	2,860	-0-	-0-
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	4,140	1,470	2,730
Trade	20,250	7,990	9,650
Wholesale Trade	6,400	1,410	2,270
Retail Trade	13,850	6,580	7,380
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	4,280	1,130	1,650
Services	18,140	6,180	10,150
Government	13,070	8,760	8,130
Federal	2,110	-0-	-0-
State & Local	10,960	-0-	-0-

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS	AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
NORTH DAKOTA			
Manufacturing	312.48	38.2	8.18
Durable Goods	338.84	39.4	8.60
Nondurable Goods	296.25	37.5	7.90
Food and Kindred Products	305.98	38.2	8.01
Printing and Publishing	271.64	32.3	8.41
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA			
Manufacturing	317.25	37.5	8.46
Durable Goods	319.03	37.8	8.44
Nondurable Goods	315.93	37.3	8.47

LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
1986 Annual Averages

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
1. Divide	1,595	1,509	86	5.4
McKenzie	3,478	3,195	283	8.1
Williams	13,121	11,461	1,660	12.7
REGION 1 TOTAL	18,194	16,165	2,029	11.2
2. Bottineau	3,797	3,515	282	7.4
Burke	1,582	1,445	137	8.7
McHenry	3,086	2,670	416	13.5
Mountrail	3,594	3,243	351	9.8
Pierce	2,701	2,562	139	5.1
Renville	1,464	1,333	131	8.9
Ward	25,524	23,808	1,716	6.7
REGION 2 TOTAL	41,748	38,576	3,172	7.6
3. Benson	3,419	3,164	255	7.5
Cavalier	2,753	2,601	152	5.5
Eddy	1,584	1,440	144	9.1
Ramsey	6,466	6,125	341	5.3
Rolette	5,299	4,602	697	13.2
Towner	1,773	1,697	76	4.3
REGION 3 TOTAL	21,294	19,629	1,665	7.8
4. Grand Forks	34,513	33,205	1,308	3.8
Nelson	2,154	2,004	150	7.0
Pembina	5,416	4,920	496	9.2
Walsh	8,291	7,862	429	5.2
REGION 4 TOTAL	50,374	47,991	2,383	4.7
5. Cass	56,221	54,101	2,120	3.8
Ransom	2,791	2,701	90	3.2
Richland	8,691	8,267	424	4.9
Sargent	2,604	2,476	128	4.9
Steele	1,236	1,171	65	5.3
Traill	4,622	4,412	210	4.5
REGION 5 TOTAL	76,165	73,128	3,037	4.0

LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
1986 Annual Averages

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
6. Barnes	6,180	5,884	296	4.8
Dickey	3,431	3,306	125	3.6
Foster	2,286	2,146	140	6.1
Griggs	1,602	1,531	71	4.4
La Moure	2,551	2,429	122	4.8
Logan	1,574	1,494	80	5.1
McIntosh	2,349	2,257	92	3.9
Stutsman	12,402	11,702	700	5.6
Wells	3,044	2,850	194	6.4
REGION 6 TOTAL	35,419	33,599	1,820	5.1
7. Burleigh	32,067	29,933	2,134	6.7
Emmons	2,363	2,203	160	6.8
Grant	2,083	1,957	126	6.0
Kidder	1,706	1,535	171	10.0
McLean	4,741	4,295	446	9.4
Mercer	5,772	5,128	644	11.2
Morton	12,107	11,143	964	8.0
Oliver	1,269	1,172	97	7.6
Sheridan	1,310	1,226	84	6.4
Sioux	1,369	1,240	129	9.4
REGION 7 TOTAL	64,787	59,832	4,955	7.6
8. Adams	1,853	1,782	71	3.8
Billings	827	793	34	4.1
Bowman	2,291	2,137	154	6.7
Dunn	2,008	1,829	179	8.9
Golden Valley	1,066	1,001	65	6.1
Hettinger	2,096	1,962	134	6.4
Slope	533	478	55	10.3
Stark	12,345	11,100	1,245	10.1
REGION 8 TOTAL	23,019	21,082	1,937	8.4
STATE TOTAL	331,000	310,000	21,000	6.3

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which includes the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work, except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often called the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all stages of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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Phone: 251-2256

VALLEY CITY
2425 W Main
Phone: 845-7261

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119 E Main
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301 College Drive
Phone: 662-2181

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501 First Street NW
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